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FOR: CONTROLLED-RELEASED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION AND

METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2009, consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants petition for a one-month extension in the period for response; the required fee is attached. If any other fee is required to consider this response, the undersigned authorizes the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 1050-4.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-6.

Claims 1, 12, 14-15, 19, 21-25 and 30 are amended.

Claims 3, 13 and 27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 7.